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REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending. No amendments are made in this paper.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 9, 2006, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-7) with traverse. The traversal is on the basis that Smith (U.S. Pat. 3,435,881) as cited by the Examiner does not share the special technical feature of the claims of the instant invention. The casting mould of Smith is lined with graphite plates, not laminae. The casting mould of Smith is provided with a graphite plate facing the mould cavity, while the graphite laminae according to the instant invention forms an inner surface from their edges. Therefore, the laminac according to the invention have a different physical and technical function, making them inventive over Smith.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction of claims and allowance of this application.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 4872-4711. A DUPLICATE OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

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